



**ORDER – Wildlife Habitat Areas # 3-080 to 3-083 and 3-089**

**Lewis's Woodpecker - Cascades Forest District**

This order is given under the authority of sections 9(2) and 10(1) of the *Government Actions Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 582/04).

The Deputy Minister of Environment orders that:

1. the wildlife habitat areas shown in the map set out in the attached Schedule A (3-080 to 3-083, 3-089) and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha\_bc* are established;
2. the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha\_bc* are established for Lewis's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*);
3. the general wildlife measures outlined in Schedule 1 are established for the wildlife habitat areas in the attached Schedule A and boundaries contained in the GIS file *twha\_bc*;
4. for the purposes of section 2(3)(a) of the *Government Actions Regulation*, these General Wildlife Measures apply to minor tenures; and
5. where there is discrepancy between the wildlife habitat area boundaries as shown in the attached Schedule As and the GIS file *twha\_bc*, the boundaries as detailed in the GIS file will take precedent. The centre point of the line on the map denoting the wildlife habitat area is what establishes the boundary.

## Schedule 1 – General Wildlife Measures

### *Access*

- Do not construct roads unless there is no other practicable option.

### *Harvesting and silviculture*

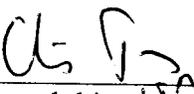
- Do not harvest or salvage mature timber. When harvesting is approved, follow the measures outlined below:
- Protect and retain all ponderosa pine and black cottonwood live and dead trees  $\geq 30$  cm dbh for nesting, perching, and foraging.
- Maintain at least six standing dead trees per ha. Where it is not possible to retain six  $\geq 45$  cm, use the largest available. The highest practical density of snags is preferred. Hazardous snags or trees can be incorporated into group reserves (plan as no-work zones if appropriate); otherwise maintain snags within the operational setting as described in the *Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessor's Course Workbook*. Use partial cutting silvicultural systems to maintain widely spaced ( $< 25\%$  canopy cover) late seral ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir.
- Topping large diameter snags may be appropriate in areas where standing dead trees are few.
- Additional potential nest sites in intensely managed stands may be provided by leaving some high-cut (5 m in height) stumps of large ( $\geq 45$  cm dbh) ponderosa pine or black cottonwood.

### *Pesticides*

- Do not use pesticides.

### *Range*

- Limit browse utilization by livestock to no more than 10%.

  
Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007  
Chris Trumpy, Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Environment